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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). Therefore, Applicants believe no fee is required for this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-5023. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, a duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

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